committee rooms, the pay of such officer not to exceed two dollars per day.

On motion by Mr. Stephenson, said order was referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Stephenson submitted the following order:

Ordered, That no persons, except Senators, the officers of the Senate, and reporters, and such persons as may be invited by a Senator, shall be admitted to the ante-room of the Senate chamber at any time during the session of the Legislature; and that either the doorkeeper or assistant doorkeeper shall remain at the outside entrance door to the ante-room from the time the doors of the Senate Chamber are opened in the morning until the time when the Janitor closes and locks the doors of the ante-room at night for the purpose of sweeping and cleaning the Senate Chamber; and the doorkeepers shall alternate in keeping the outside door of the ante-room; and they are hereby directed and required to enforce this order strictly.

Mr. Earle submitted the following amendment:

And further, that the assistant doorkeeper shall assist the Janitor in cleaning up the Senate Chamber and ante-room.

On the question being put, it was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order, and the question being put, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Stephenson submitted the following message:

By THE SENATE, January 11, 1870.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We propose to your Honorable Body the appointment of a Joint Committee of six—three on the part of each House—to visit the new Government House and examine the same, and make an estimate of the sum of money necessary to be appropriated to furnish it, in a suitable manner, having a proper regard to economy; that said Committee be authorized to superintend and control the disbursement of the money that may be appropriated; also, the purchase of the furniture; and that said Committee report their estimate at the earliest day practicable. We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Stephenson, Henkle and Henry.

By order,

Augustus Gassaway, Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.